

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application  
under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: K. AYUKAWA et al  
Serial No. 10/101,063  
Filed: March 20, 2002

Group Art: 2186  
Examiner: Tuan V. Thai  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND  
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.